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## In brief

### Active-duty walk-in clinic

The family practice clinic offers a walk-in clinic for active-duty members only 7:15-7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. The active-duty call is designed to provide faster primary care manager access to active-duty members with acute illnesses that would potentially inhibit that day's duty performance. Individuals experiencing signs or symptoms prior to the start of the duty day that potentially will affect duty performance are asked to take advantage of this service during the specified sign-in times. For more information regarding the active-duty call, call 283-7667.

### AF Marathon preparation

A kickoff meeting for anyone interested in running in the Air Force Marathon is set for 4:45 p.m. Wednesday at the NCO Academy. Runners interested in running the full marathon or being part of a relay team are invited to the meeting.

**Countdown  
to ORI  
79 days**



Airman Sarah McDowell

## New coat

Terry Wilson, crew leader, and Tommy Spohn from the Lockheed Martin maintenance group are painting the F-86 static display in Flag Park. The group also removes rust and corrosion before painting. They started restoring the displays April 7 and plan to finish by May 30 if the weather permits.

## U.S. aircraft leaving Saudi Arabian base

**JIM GARAMONE**  
American Forces Press Service

**PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Saudi Arabia (AFPN)** — Department of Defense officials said the combined air operations center will be mothballed and all U.S. aircraft operating at Prince Sultan Air Base will be gone by August.

The decision was made by "mutual agreement," said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld following a meeting with Saudi defense minister bin Sultan in Riyadh Tuesday. The secretary and minister discussed the changes taking place in the region.

"It is now a safer region with the change of regime in Iraq," Secretary Rumsfeld said. But this does not mean an end to the

Saudi-U.S. relationship, he added. The military training and exercise program will move to the fore, and in the months and years ahead, the air base could still be used temporarily for exercises.

The mission of the center has already passed to Al Udeid Air Base in neighboring Qatar.

"All air-tasking orders began coming from Al Udeid (April 28)," said Navy Rear Adm. Dave Nichols, coalition air component deputy commander. The center, air command and control center, and all services and nationalities participating in the coalition are commanded through the CAOC.

The Prince Sultan center handled air sorties and targets for Operation Iraqi Freedom; the Al Udeid center handled mission

planning for Operation Enduring Freedom and for the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

The shift increases the Al Udeid workload, but not intolerably, officials said. On its first day handling the Operation Iraqi Freedom requirement, the Al Udeid CAOC generated about 700 air missions, they said. About 100 were standby close-air-support missions, and about 400 were airlift missions. The rest were tanker and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

The U.S. aircraft were at the Saudi base to enforce the U.N.-mandated Operation Southern Watch. That operation began 12 years ago at the end of the Persian Gulf War. In the beginning, U.S., British and French aircraft

enforced the no-fly zone south of the 33rd parallel. France dropped out of that coalition years ago, but the U.S. and the United Kingdom pilots kept on. The necessity for that operation ended March 19 with the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

At the height of the Iraq war, Prince Sultan based about 200 coalition aircraft. Officials said everything from fighters to airborne warning and control system aircraft flew from there.

There are currently 100 aircraft based at Prince Sultan, and officials expect the last American plane to leave the base in August. It is unclear whether a small cadre of Americans will remain to keep the base ready in case of emergency, officials said.

**The F/A-22 Team—Tyndall, Bay County and America!**

# Tyndall people recognized for excellence

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**  
325th Fighter Wing commander



Recognizing people for their well-deserved accomplishments is one of the most enjoyable aspects of my job. Recently, I had the pleasure of rewarding exceptional performance for two distinguished groups of people who have worked diligently to attain their goals.

First up, I had the honor of pinning new stripes on three Checkertail Clan warriors under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers' program. A hearty congratulations goes to Master Sgt. Christine Beaudion, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Tech. Sgt. John Fenwick, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Tracy Dobbins, 325th Operations Support Squadron.

Promotions are important milestones in everyone's career, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to share in the moment. The new rank, pay increase and new level of responsibility are reward enough



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for many people. The recipients can also be proud that supervisors and commanders believed in them enough to submit them for competition in this program. Well deserved and congratulations to all three promotees. Now, go out and use those new stripes to continue doing great things for your Air Force.

Next up on the recognition list are the 325th Fighter Wing Quarterly Award winners. This competition is highly competitive, and members who are fortunate enough to come out on top are truly representative of the level of commitment I

see every day throughout the base. I congratulate you for winning this quarter, and thank you for going above and beyond in your duty performance, commitment to base and local community, and for seeking self-improvement efforts that make you better members of our Air Force. The winners are: **Capt. Shawn Fritz**, 325th Air Control Squadron, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter; **Master Sgt. Jeffrey Kahapea**, 325th Medical Support Squadron, Senior NCO of the Quarter; **Tech. Sgt. Brian Myers**, 325th Communications Squad-

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## Action Line

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Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**  
325th Fighter Wing commander

*View from the top*

# A special thank you to military spouses for their support

**GEN. DON COOK**  
Air Education and Training Command commander

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — Throughout the year we celebrate and commemorate, often with great fanfare, people and events that have made our nation great. For the men and women who serve in uniform I think such commemorations take on added meaning and significance because many of these occasions are recognition of sacrifice, patriotism and service in securing and maintaining freedom and peace for our country and its citizens. But one occasion that doesn't get as much fanfare as it should is Military Spouses Day, which we will celebrate May 9. I think you will all agree we need to change that.

Our military spouses are extraordinary people. Their personal sacrifices, contributions, volunteer efforts and

service before self are integral to the health and well-being of our families and our success as individuals. Spouses play a large role in ensuring our Air Force can successfully achieve its mission. As we all know, the life of a military family is filled with unique challenges and opportunities. Today it is often the rule rather than the exception that both husband and wife work, while sharing the responsibilities of raising a family. Both spouses may serve in uniform while other couples are comprised of a military member and a civilian spouse maintaining a career either in the home or in the commercial sector. But no matter the specific situation, I think today the military family, and the military spouse in particular, face the daunting challenges confronting them with a special fortitude, commitment and esprit de corps unique to our military family vocation.

It is important to remember that in military families,

all members serve our country in one way or another. During the often-lengthy separations indigenous to military service, the spouses remaining behind have awesome responsibilities to sustain a home and family. By default, they must frequently take on the duties of both mother and father dealing with the complex issues of daily life ... and they must do it alone. The military spouse is truly the engine that keeps our homes and our lives on track when the military member is deployed or temporarily away.

In my personal experience I could not have succeeded in supporting the many military missions I was called upon to do without the loving partnership I have with my wife, Diane. I am very proud of her service to our family, the Air Force and our nation. I applaud her for her sacrifice and commitment and the fact that she has

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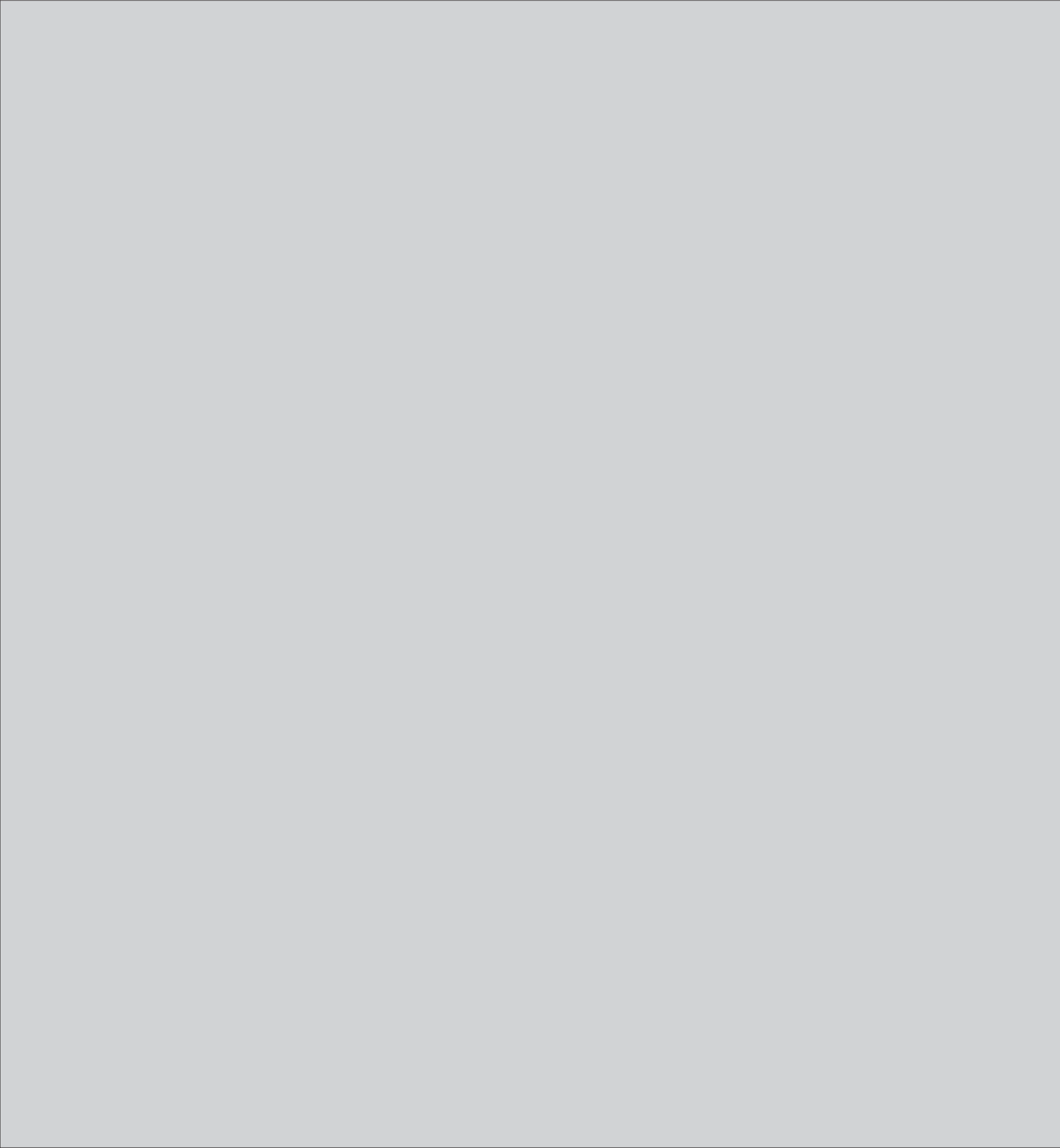
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# Tyndall services unit garners award

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The 325th Services Squadron was named this year’s winner of the Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank award for Air Education and Training Command March 25, recognizing the command’s best services squadron, small/medium-base category for 2002.

The Eubank award for services excellence was established in 1990 by the Order of Daedalians, a fraternal organization of U.S. military pilots, to encourage excellence in services programs Air Force-wide.

Services professionals visited Tyndall during the last week of February to evaluate the quality of the squadron’s programs, management, facilities, equipment and command support. Their evaluation, along with customer feedback determined the winning base.

“Tyndall is unique because we are providing services at home and overseas,” said Senior Master Sgt. Vyanne Roush, superintendent for the services squadron. “Even though we usually work with minimal manning due to deployments, we always provide full service to Tyndall and never cut operations. We believe the customers are first and they are our number one priority.”

The services squadron is responsible for providing programs contributing to readiness and improved productivity through promoting fitness, esprit de corps and quality of life for Tyndall personnel. Through food service, lodging, recreation,

force management and readiness, the squadron ensures Tyndall members and their families are taken care of so personnel can focus on the mission.

one of the first support units deployed into a bare-base environment to set up operations in Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Colonel Parsons said.

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SENIOR MASTER SGT. VYANNE ROUSH  
325th Services Squadron superintendent

“The programs set us apart, we are always looking for new and better ideas to make the customers happy and give them what they want,” Sergeant Roush said. “Also, the dedicated, hardworking services employees – civilian and military – make a difference.”

“The two most important factors in our winning this award were our combat readiness and support to the base,” said Lt. Col. Gregory Parsons, 325th SVS commander.

Colonel Parsons said it is the squadron’s focus on customer service and providing outstanding guaranteed support that makes the squadron a winning team.

The winning team boasted a 600 percent increase in the base’s morale, welfare and recreation fund in 2002 while 75 percent of the squadron’s military personnel were deployed overseas during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Members of the squadron were

sons said.

“Our initial team was there five months and another team relieved them for a three-month period,” Colonel Parsons said.

As for the future, the 325th SVS plans to continue to excel and improve Team Tyndall’s quality of life, Sergeant Roush said. Future projects include a skateboard park at the youth center, a paintball course, new services at the skills development center and an upgrade to the Pelican Point Golf Course.

“We are also planning to produce a newly-designed monthly publicity calendar for services programs that will be mailed out to club members,” Sergeant Roush said.

Tyndall’s name will be added to a traveling trophy that will be displayed at the base for the entire year. The squadron will go on to compete at the Air Force level.

Thinking of getting out?

THINK AGAIN!

Make sure you’ve got all the facts first! Contact **Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia**, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser, at **283-2222** for information on your career and its future.



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packed us up to PCS 24 times! She is among the thousands of military spouses who make this Air Force the great organization it is and I thank her and all our military spouses for that special commitment every day.

Across Air Education and Training Command, we will hold a variety of events and activities on May 9 geared to recog-

nize the many contributions our military spouses make to the military community and the enormous impact they have on the quality of our lives.

I encourage you to participate fully in celebrating their accomplishments and to thank them for all they do for us. Our spouses are special and help make our Air Force family strong. We must celebrate them.

# Communicating threat, solicitation land airman in court

A special court-martial, *U.S. vs. Airman 1st Class Rowell B. Mateo*, was held here March 10. Airman Mateo elected to be tried before a panel of five officers. After the evidence was presented, the panel found Airman Mateo guilty of three violations of Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The specifications alleged that Airman Mateo communicated a threat to inflict bodily harm on another individual, and that he solicited two classmates to burn down two of his training instructors' homes.

"The bottom line is that making threats is a crime and all threats will be taken very seriously," said Capt. Bryon Gleisner, 325th Fighter Wing staff judge advocate assistant trial counsel. "Air Force members and their families should not have to live in fear because someone gets frustrated or angry. Communicating a threat is a crime unto itself, regardless of whether or not you intend to carry out that threat."

Airman Mateo was sentenced to five months confinement, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$575 pay per month for five months and a reprimand. (Courtesy 325th Fighter Wing legal office)

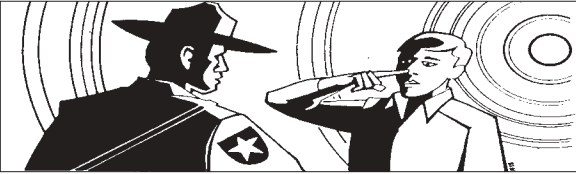
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ron, NCO of the Quarter; **Senior Airman Margarita Cuevas**, 325th Contracting Squadron, Airman of the Quarter; **Ms. Susan McDermott**, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Civilian of the Quarter (Category I); **Mr. Ted Dodson**, 325th ACS, Civilian of the Quarter (Category II). Congratulations to the winners and everyone who competed at the unit, group and wing level. For a full review of Team Tyndall winners, see the story on Page 9.

An extremely important recognition opportunity for all of us is quickly approaching and I wanted to remind everyone before time gets away from us—Mother's Day is May 11. Be sure to use the next nine days wisely to plan your visit, phone call or get those cards, letters and gifts in the mail. Our families are very important to us and such holidays as this give us a chance to tell our mothers how much they mean to us.

Without the support from our families here and abroad, we could not fulfill the very important mission we're charged with.

Finally, I want to highlight an important community outreach program. The 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office manages a Speaker's Bureau Program, which is a source for local civic organizations, schools, colleges and businesses to tap into when a guest speaker is needed. Speaking engagements range from classrooms in local elementary schools to being guest speaker at a formal Chamber of Commerce function. The success of this program rests with volunteer speakers from Team Tyndall. If you enjoy public speaking, have unique knowledge in certain subject areas or would like to help share the Air Force story with our local community, please contact Herman Bell, community relations chief at 283-8572. Have a great week!



Think before you drink.

# Breaking cultural barriers at 400 mph

**KYUSHU, JAPAN** – Last week marked the first-ever air-to-air refueling training for Air Self-Defense Force F-15 pilots. Building familiarity with new procedures, in addition to overcoming differences in language and flying experience requires a great deal of planning, teamwork and effort on both sides.

U.S. Air Force Maj. Allen Ruth is an F-15 instructor pilot with the 34th Fighter Squadron at the Japan Air Self-Defense Force's Nyutabaru Air Base in Kyushu, Japan. Major Ruth arrived at the base in the summer of 2002 following a year of language school in Tokyo and instructor pilot training at Tyndall AFB, Florida.

As the primary liaison between the Japanese pilots at Nyutabaru and the visiting U.S. Air Force instructor pilots teaching air-to-air refueling procedures, Major Ruth's experience has been invaluable, and helped the group of twelve pilots come together to accomplish their common goal. He was also the "go-to guy" for his fellow IPs when they had questions about the base and flying pro-



Courtesy photo

**Instructor pilots from 5th Air Force discuss training tactics and procedures with Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-15 pilots as they prepare to conduct their first air-to-air refueling missions.**

cedures, the language and culture, or what they should try or perhaps avoid at local eateries.

For Maj. Charles Rouse the environment in Kyushu is considerably different from that of the 95th Fighter Squadron at Tyndall. The only instructor not

currently stationed in Japan, Major Rouse made a point of learning a minimum of one Japanese phrase a day and found time to practice both on the ground and at 25,000 feet while explaining "the green apple" of the KC-135 boom to his students.

"Mizu o kudasai (I'd like some water please)," he proudly said to the sushi chef while discussing the day's mission with the other instructors. Despite deteriorating weather throughout the week, the IPs were impressed with their student's progress, and excited about the training opportunities their new ability would allow in the future.

Major Rouse and the 95th are scheduled to travel to Alaska this summer for Cope Thunder, a multinational exercise involving countries across the Pacific. This year is the first year Japanese F-15s are expected to participate in the exercise, so the bonds established between pilots like Boggy, Trout and their Japanese counterparts are already setting a firm foundation. Follow-on AAR training and most bilateral exercises in the future will be conducted in English, so mutual understanding and personal ties made this week will continue to be vital to training, but also make for lasting friendships within the profession of flying."

## Force development prepares airmen for success

**STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER**  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — Force-development efforts are under way to ensure the Air Force's enlisted corps remains the best in the world, said the service's top enlisted leader.

According to Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray, force development is simply a methodical approach

to giving airmen the tools, training, education and experiences needed to be successful.

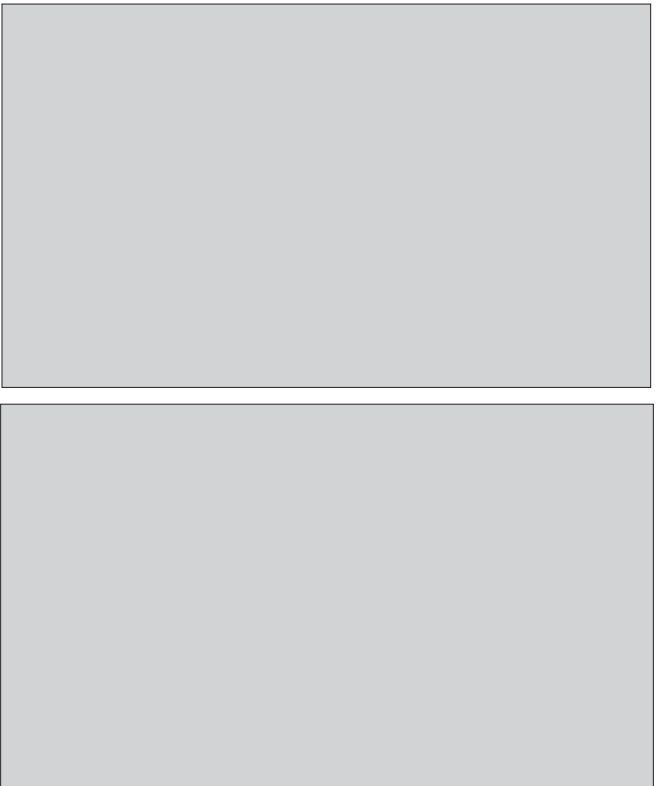
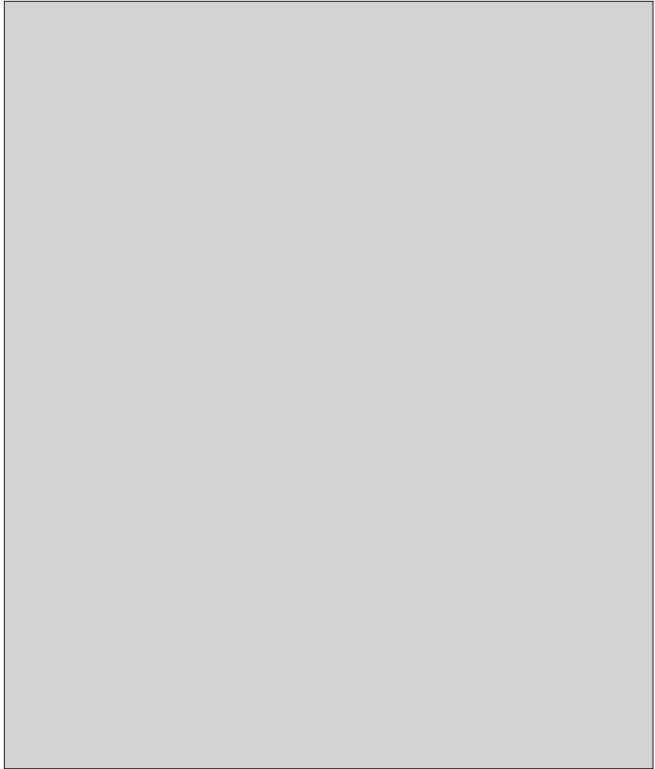
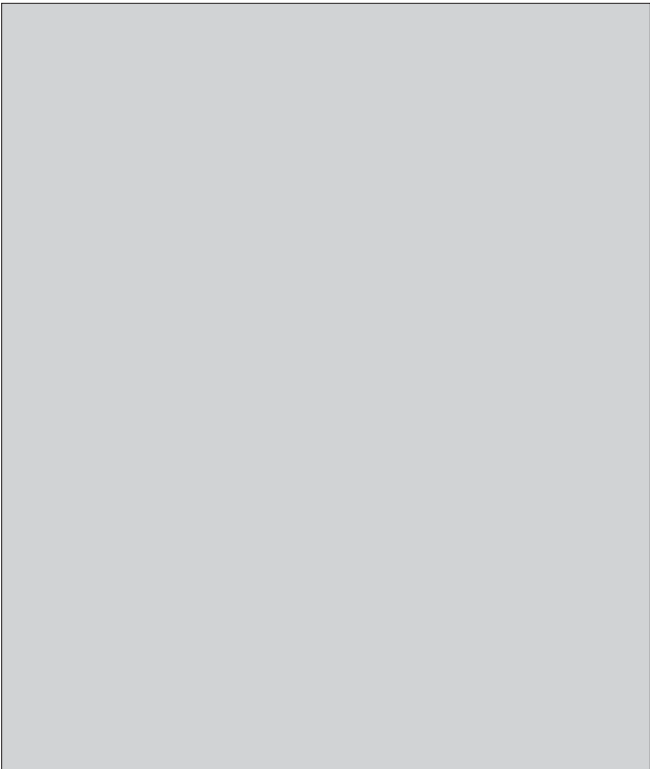
"Enlisted-force development will let us tailor the professional development of our airmen to best meet the expeditionary needs of the Air Force today and in the future," Chief Murray said.

The concept is a top priority of the Air Force's senior lead-

ers, as evidenced by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper's Sight Picture released April 28.

"Our enlisted corps is the envy of the world," General Jumper said in the document. "We must ensure our development opportunities produce the skills needed to remain the world's premier enlisted air and space force."

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## Checkertail Salute



Lisa Carroll

**Airman Stater is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander.**

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Stater for displaying outstanding initiative by identifying the need for a system to track cases and turnaround times by organizing a case tracking system during his free time, ensuring 100 percent on-time delivery of in-house appliances. He is also responsible for precious metals recovery, safeguarding metals valued more than \$5,000.

**Airman 1st Class  
Thomas Stater, Jr.**

**Duty title:** Dental laboratory apprentice  
**Unit:** 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron  
**Time on station:** 1 year  
**Time in service:** 2 years  
**Hometown:** Antioch, Calif.  
**Hobbies:** Fishing, camping, reading and playing sports  
**Goals:** To further my education and eventually become an orthodontist.  
**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** Being part of the Tyndall family. I've met a lot of great people here.  
**Pet peeves:** Getting backed up at work and losing friends who move.  
**Favorite book:** "Dune" by Frank Herbert  
**Favorite movie:** "Braveheart"

*The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.*

## Team Tyndall enters phase three of ORI preparation

**LT. COL. STEVEN KOTAN**  
Operations Readiness Inspection officer

Now that May has arrived, it is time for Team Tyndall to enter phase three of our preparation for our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection. Tyndall has spent the previous four months identifying weaknesses and strengths. Self-inspections revealed many of these areas and the headquarter staff assistant visits aided even further. Base units then decided the best course of action to correct these areas and improve on all the processes used to do our daily mission and tasks. Now, we must begin the re-evaluation phase and see if these modifications have actually corrected the weaknesses.

May is the normal cycle

for self-inspections and works well for continued preparation. Use this month to fully run the unit's self-inspection checklists. As these checklists are used, everyone must ask themselves several questions. First, is the checklist accurate? If it is missing aspects of the shop's required duties, then change it. If it lists items that are no longer required, delete them. One sure method to ensure the checklist is comprehensive is to review all of the governing instructions for that duty position. If there are items requiring compliance or actions on your part, they should be included in the checklist.

The second question regards documentation. If everything on the checklist was checked yes, can it be proven? Some sort of file system is a must, whether it is a hard copy in a desk or an electronic version on a server.

The final question rests with the continuity book. Has there been one developed that covers all aspects of your duty position?

While there are no specific guidelines on how to build one, common sense should dictate the contents of these books. It is one of the few ways individu-

als and shops can pass on information and procedures that have been developed over time. They are invaluable to new individuals so they are not caught in the rebuilding stage when they take over a duty or shop.

The ORI Preparation Office has compiled all the discrepancies that occurred during the November self-inspection and the SAVs. This database can be located on the ORI Prep home page. Do not hesitate to use this link to crosscheck your shop's performance during the May self-inspection. Each and every one of these previously identified discrepancies should be addressed in this self-inspection.

We are down to 79 days to the arrival of the inspectors and there remains much to accomplish. Continuing with the steady improvement, which we began in January, will prevent the mad dash in June and July.

Tyndall is an outstanding place to be stationed. I am sure Team Tyndall will shine brightly in the eyes of the inspectors and once again prove that pride, professionalism and perfection reside in the paradise some call the Emerald Coast, but we all know as Tyndall AFB.



# Survey speaks for customers

RICK BRINK  
Defense Commissary Agency

**FORT LEE, Va.** – Shoppers in all 276 commissaries around the world are getting their chance to voice their opinions this month when the Defense Commissary Agency conducts its biannual customer service survey.

“This survey is not something we take lightly because we’re only as good as what our customers say,” said Bob Vitikacs, DeCA’s executive director for operations and product support. “In our surveys, customers have ranked the commissary as their most valued benefit and it’s because of the very high level of satisfaction they get every time they shop the commissary. We’ve earned their trust, and we want to keep it and use customer satisfaction to attract more commissary shoppers.”

The last survey began April 24 and will take a couple weeks for all the stores to gather the results. On a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the best, customers gave an overall score of 4.39 in the last survey conducted in November 2002. The two highest scores given in the 14-question survey were 4.66 for “courteous, friendly and helpful employees,” and 4.53 for “overall satisfaction (How did we do?).”

The agency used to conduct the survey annually. It’s now conducted twice a year because the increased survey frequency allows more efficient detection of changes in trends. This makes it



**Supong Davis, the supervisory sales store checker at the Tyndall Commissary, helps a customer, Anne Gaddy, fill out a survey being conducted by the commissary. The commissary started the 10-day survey April 24 and plans to obtain customer feedback from 100 people on how to improve the store.**

easier to measure improvements and identify improvement opportunities, said operations research analyst Barry White.

Mr. White pointed out that “bakery quality/selection” had been identified as an area needing improvement in the May 2002 survey. Agency efforts to improve the category have worked, showing up

as a 1 percent increase – the greatest increase in all categories in the latest survey.

The last survey showed every category increased or remained the same except one: “well stocked, full shelves.” The agency is addressing that issue and can’t wait to see what customers say about it in the current survey.

## Base takes AF-level award for 2nd year

It should come as no surprise, but the 325th Security Forces Squadron’s anti-terrorism program has been selected as the best program in the Air Force, for the second straight year and marking its fourth straight year of being selected as Air Education and Training Command’s best program.

Also winning command-level honors as best anti-terrorism manager for 2002 was Master Sgt. Michael Neely, base anti-terrorism program manager.

“We could not have achieved these awards without the help of all the anti-terrorism focal point monitors and Tyndall’s overall populace,” Sergeant Neely said.

Team Tyndall was recognized for its innovative ways of implementing increased security measures. Some of the security measures initiated were using aero club airplanes to conduct an aerial surveil-

lance patrol program as well as procuring a boat and performing shoreline patrols of more than 120 miles of shoreline on Tyndall property.

Sergeant Neely’s award as best anti-terrorism manager in the command speak of his efforts in developing anti-terrorism measures for the base.

According to his nomination package, Sergeant Neely has been instrumental in redefining base anti-terrorism policies and molding a benchmark program for others to emulate.

“You have to remember that force protection is everyone’s business, without the eyes and ears of base personnel, programs like Eagle Eyes wouldn’t work. Awareness is the key to a base’s successful AT program, not only should military members be aware, but family members play a big part also,” Sergeant Neely said.

*(Courtesy 325th Security Forces Squadron)*







Master Sgt. Michael Best

## Thank you

**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM** — Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speaks to troops during a meeting in a hangar at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia on April 29. Rumsfeld spoke about Operation Iraqi Freedom, thanked the audience for their contributions and then answered questions. This stop was part of a trip through the region to meet with troops and consult with officials from host nations.

# Tyndall's top performers recognized for accomplishments

Team Tyndall recently celebrated the "best of the best" at the Quarterly Awards Luncheon. The nominees in each category competed at several levels to reach the Team Tyndall competition and include members from the 325th Fighter Wing and the associate units. As always the competition was keen at each level, and unfortunately only one winner could be named in each category. The Team Tyndall Quarterly Award winners are:

**Senior Airman Margarita Cuevas, 325th Contracting Squadron, Team Tyndall Airman of the Quarter.** Airman Cuevas is a contract specialist who through expert negotiations awarded a timber sales contract with the forestry division, earning the government more than \$86,000, which was \$12,000 above the expected return. She also completed her career development courses three months early and earned a 96 percent on the end-of-course test. Airman Cuevas is active in squadron activities, donated time to support this year's air show, and is a Team Mom for a local youth baseball team.

**Tech. Sgt. Brian Myers, 325th Communications Squadron, Team Tyndall NCO of the Quarter.** Sergeant Myers is a network administrator who was selected to manage the Tyndall network which was recognized as the "Best Network" by Headquarters Air Education and Training Command. He also coordinated the redesign for the 1st Air Force network with improved security as an integral part. He completed the IRS tax course and assisted in preparing tax returns, saving tax payers more than \$160,000 in preparation

fees and helping them receive more than \$1.9 million in refunds. Sergeant Myers is a member of the 325th Fighter Wing Exercise Evaluation Team, organized monthly unit recognition ceremonies and Top-4 fundraisers.

**Master Sgt. Jeffrey Kahapea, 325th Medical Support Squadron, Team Tyndall Senior NCO of the Quarter.** Sergeant Kahapea is the NCO in charge of group education and medical readiness and led the flight to an "Outstanding" rating during a staff assistance visit. He also saved the group more than \$14,000 when obtaining 14 training allocations vital to the group's mission. Sergeant Kahapea is secretary for Chapter 533, Air Force Sergeant's Association, Medical Group Top 4 treasurer and pioneered the first group promotion ceremony. He attended the National Defense Medicine Service Course, earned six semester hours toward a third degree and completed unit deployment/logistics planning and resources management courses this past quarter.

**Capt. Shawn Fritz, 325th Air Control Squadron, Team Tyndall Company Grade Officer of the Quarter.** Captain Fritz is an air battle manager instructor who logged more than 250 simulator and 24 classroom hours this past quarter, graduating 33 students. He rewrote two course lectures, updated seven mission briefs and developed a weapons systems training briefing. He graduated from the Joint Doctrine Air Campaign Planning course, and continues to hone his professional skills through classes and reading. Captain Fritz was the base point of contact for the ROTC and Academy

cadet mentoring program and is active in unit sports and squadron functions, such as the Operations Group Dining-In.

**Wayne Randall, Det. 2, AFRL, Civilian of the Quarter (Category I).** Mr. Randall works in office automation for the detachment and was named Outstanding Performer during the Unit Compliance Inspection. He provided outstanding support for more than 200 personnel through project updates and files plans maintenance. He is the lead administrator for the MLQL division supporting a team of 50 government and contract employees. He obtained certification in the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance program and continues competency training in foreign languages. In his spare time, Mr. Randall volunteers his language skills at local hospitals and assists retirees in filing taxes.

**Walter Waltz, Detachment 2, Air Force Research Laboratory, Civilian of the Quarter (Category II).** Mr. Waltz is the robotics research group leader and executed \$23 million program this quarter leading a 30-person team of engineers and technicians. He implemented security force initiatives providing remote perimeter detection, and challenge and response. He also completed a 40-hour Defense Acquisition University Fundamentals of Acquisition Management course. Mr. Waltz wrote and published an article on unmanned ground vehicle systems, assisted in sponsoring a local high school robotics science competition and is a volunteer chaperone in the local schools.

*(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing public affairs)*

# AETC revises supplement to uniform instruction

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — Air Education and Training Command recently revised AETC Supplement 1 to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, “Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.”

“We completely revised the supplement, which was last published in 1996,” said Lt. Col. Karen Schwartz, AETC Directorate of Personnel Field Activities Branch chief. “It was important to update our uniform regulations to reflect the standards of our current leadership and the changing uniform requirements of

the Air Force.” The 23-page document gives instructions ranging from wear of the uniform while traveling to authorized haircut styles for Officer Training School trainees.

According to Colonel Schwartz, the most asked about changes include:

**Headwear**

All AETC personnel, except HQ AETC personnel, may wear the woodland baseball-style ball cap. Only services, combat arms training, inspector general and maintenance personnel are authorized to wear another color ball cap.

**Flight suit wear**

Those wearing flight suits must zip up all zippers with the exception of the right leg pocket when it contains the flight cap. Flight suit sleeves may not be pushed or rolled up.

**Badge placement**

The professional military education or AETC instructor badge is worn on the right pocket centered under the pocket flap. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC instructor badge.

**Uniform wear while traveling**

All AETC military personnel are

required to wear the blue service uniform (light blue shirt, short- or long-sleeve shirt with tie or tie tab), with option to wear the lightweight blue or leather jacket while traveling in temporary duty status on commercial contract flights, at government expense within the continental United States.

**Morale patches**

Morale patches are not authorized for wear on battle dress uniforms.

**Wear of aiguillettes**

Military training leaders are authorized the blue aiguillette with all uniform combinations upon successful completion of the pre-

scribed formal training course. Airmen leaders will wear the single braided red, yellow or green aiguillette with all uniform combinations; chapel assistants will wear the white aiguillette; drum and bugle or fife and drum will wear the silver or white and navy blue aiguillette; drill team members and special activity teams will wear the black aiguillette.

The supplement will be available May 19 on the AETC Publications Web site. To get there, go to <https://www.aetc.randolph.af.mil> and then click on the Forms and Pubs icon.

## Commander reiterates post-deployment time-off policy

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — The commander of Air Education and Training Command reiterated his policy recently that provides members time off after they return from lengthy deployments.

In a message sent to commanders throughout AETC, Gen. Donald Cook reaffirmed that people who are deployed from six to 12 weeks get seven days off and people deployed 12 weeks or longer get 14 days off.

Known as the post-deployment stand-down policy, the terms for these days off were originally established in June 1999. The latest policy letter is dated March 24.

“It is our intent to provide all TDY-weary AETC members an opportunity to recover and reconstitute after

lengthy deployments to contingency areas where adverse conditions and extended duty hours are the norm,” said General Cook in his reiteration of the policy.

During these periods of time off following deployments, members will be given appropriate time to tend to personal and professional matters in the local area. Should a member elect to travel outside the local area, normal leave will be charged, according to the policy.

“Commanders should provide their people the opportunity to schedule post-deployment stand-down time as quickly as operationally feasible,” the general said. “Realizing mission requirements may not allow stand-down time in the near term, commanders should ensure those deserving individuals have their stand-down time hon-

ored within 90 days of their return to home station.”

People who supported the deployment at home station should also receive time off, according to the general’s policy letter. However, local commanders are in a better position to determine which people or units operated in a “deployed fashion” at home station and can grant appropriate time off.

“This policy ensures AETC members who support contingencies receive time off to get caught up in their personal lives and return to duty re-energized and ready to take on new challenges,” General Cook said. “It also provides commanders with flexibility and guidelines to determine and schedule post-deployment stand-down time.”

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Enlisted-force development efforts are focusing on the three major areas used to grow the enlisted force — assignments, education and training, said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Gilbert, chief of enlisted-force development in the Air Force senior leader management office at the Pentagon.

“We have great noncommissioned officers, leaders and supervisors out there doing what they can to help their subordinates develop, but our current system doesn’t always complement their efforts,” he said.

There are certain points in an NCO’s career that require logical progressions in respon-

sibility and experience, Chief Gilbert said. That progression is not always factored in under the current system.

“We’ve got to tweak the system to ensure we provide that experience and development to our people,” he explained.

According to Chief Gilbert, a clear example of the current system’s shortcoming is in the selection of people to work on the Air Staff who have never been given the opportunity to work at a major command or numbered Air Force.

“That leap in responsibility is not only unfair to the person, but it’s also not good for the Air Force,” Chief Gilbert said.

Although many can still be successful through hard work and dedication, the Air Force should have provided them with the necessary background before that assignment, he said.

Force development will prepare people not only for success on the Air Staff, but also for success in their base shops.

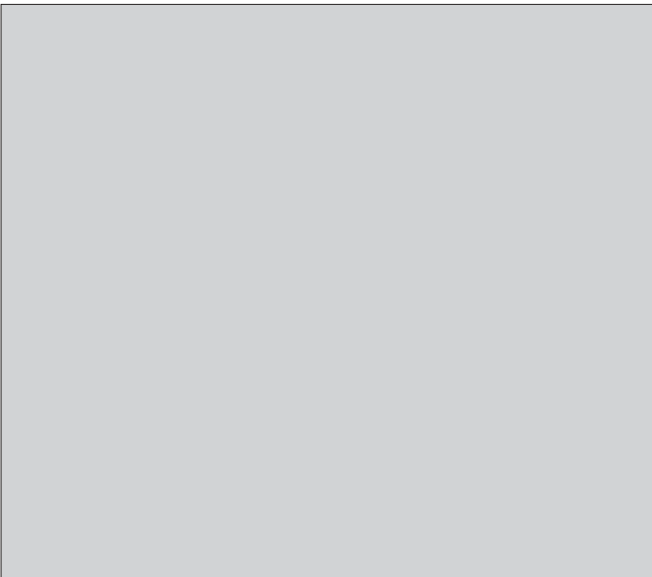
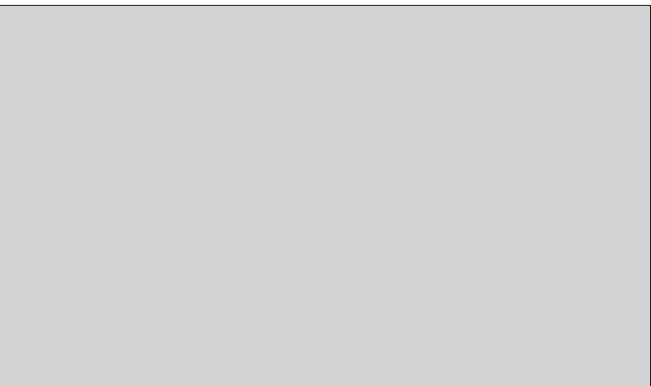
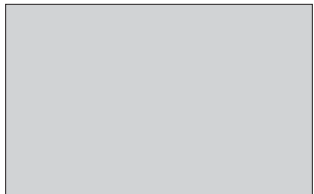
“The majority of the enlisted force who work at the base level their entire careers will not be overlooked,” he said. “It is just as vital that we properly develop those people who are accomplishing the

mission day-in and day-out.”

Chief Murray said that in the past, the Air Force has been stuck in the mindset that everybody needs to have the same professional development. With force develop-

ment, that is not the case.

“Force development will provide all airmen with the right professional-development opportunities to succeed in any job they do,” Chief Murray said.





# People are the key to air power, CSAF says

STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — The men and women of the Air Force are the basis of America’s air and space power, according to the Air Force chief of staff.

“It’s all about smart people and the tools they’ve used in new and different ways,” Gen. John Jumper told an audience April 24 at the National Air and Space Museum.

Since its beginnings, the airplane has had a place in military history, General Jumper said. But it was not until World War I that the airplane came into its own.

Innovative pilots and their ground crews figured out ways to drop bombs and mount machine guns on aircraft to engage in aerial combat.

“The first attempts at (getting the machine guns to fire through the propellers) resulted in some short propellers and short flights,” General Jumper said. But the challenges were eventually overcome.

In World War II, the advent of radar allowed enemy aircraft to be tracked and intercepted. It also led to the development by the allies of the first countermeasure — chaff. The application of precision bombing began to evolve during the war, General Jumper said.

“Using the Norden bombsight on a clear day, you could put a bomb within several hundred feet of the target,” he said. “In the skies over Europe, it took hundreds of aircraft dropping hundreds of bombs to destroy one target, often resulting in overwhelming collateral damage.”

Today, technology makes it possible to attack and destroy 24 targets with a single aircraft, he said.

However, it is the way this and other capabilities are applied that makes the Air Force the best in the world, he said. And there is a long history of dedicated airmen applying airpower in creative ways.

One example General Jumper pointed to was Staff Sgt. Matt Lienhard, a combat controller operating on horseback in Afghanistan. Sergeant Lienhard was able to direct B-52 Stratofortresses, built during the Cold War, to drop 21st century satellite-guided bombs in close-air-support missions, using his laptop while riding

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a horse, a product of 18th century warfare.

General Jumper said that the B-1B Lancer crew that dropped Joint Direct Attack Munitions on a Baghdad, Iraq, building where Saddam Hussein was thought to be was another recent example of airmen breaking new ground.

The crew, engaged in aerial refueling at the time, quickly adapted to the new mission, input the coordinates into the Global Positioning System-guided bombs, and headed toward Baghdad.

“Once we had the intelligence information from the

people on the ground, we were able to get it to the aircraft and get bombs on target in less than 12 minutes,” he said.

Whenever General Jumper hears people say they have lost their faith in the American youth, he said he tells them they only have to look at the people in uniform to be proud.

“I tell World War II audiences that this generation of young people (is) no less dedicated, motivated and patriotic than any that has ever served,” he said.

General Jumper recalled his presenting the Air Force Cross to the widow of a young airman who gave his life in Afghanistan. Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, a pararescueman, flew into Roberts Ridge with Army Rangers during Operation Anaconda. When their helicopter was shot down and surrounded by enemy forces, Airman Cunningham was mortally wounded while trying to evacuate injured soldiers from the helicopter.


At the presentation ceremony, the Army Rangers told General Jumper that as Airman Cunningham was dying and realized that he would not make it out, he began giving them instructions on how to keep the other wounded soldiers alive.

“(Airman Cunningham) exhibited more valor and bravery on his very first combat mission than I did in 1,000,” General Jumper said.

Airman Cunningham’s widow, Teresa, an Air Force ROTC cadet, will enter active duty this summer.

“These are the young people that we have (in the Air Force) today,” General Jumper proclaimed. “And we can be proud of them all.”





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# Gulf Guide

in the  
Tyndall community

## MAY

**FRI 2** **Change of command**  
Lt. Col. Patrick Moylan will take command of the 95th Fighter Squadron from Lt. Col. Matthew Donovan in a change of command ceremony 1:35 p.m. today in Hangar 4.

**SAT 3** **Thrift shop hours**  
The Tyndall Thrift Shop will be open 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. The shop is located in Building 743 on Suwannee Road, across from the post office. Regular thrift shop hours are 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Consignment items are accepted on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Paula Snyder, 286-8650.

**SUN 4** **Chapel religious education**  
The Tyndall Chapel offers religious education 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays for Protestants and 11 a.m.-noon Sundays for Catholics. Both sessions will be held at the spiritual fitness building. For more information, call 283-2925.

**TUE 6** **Transition-assistance workshop**  
A three-day transition-assistance workshop for anyone leaving the military within the next 12 months will be 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The workshop topics will include analyzing skills, setting personal goals, starting the job search, resume writing, interview skills, veterans benefits and much more. Spouses and Department of Defense civilians are welcome. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

**WED 7** **Medical group closures**  
All medical facilities, to include pharmacies and clinics, will close at noon the first Wednesday of every month for mandatory training. All clinics and pharmacies will re-open 4:30-6 p.m. for late clinic appointments. The medical group apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

**THU 8** **Marriage workshop**  
A five-session "Married and Loving It" workshop will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, May 15, 22, 29 and June 5 in the family advocacy conference room. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

## NOTES

**GCCC registration**  
The registration dates for Gulf Coast Community College's summer and fall classes are as follows: Summer A term – May 12-June 21; Summer B term – June 23-Aug. 2; Fall term - Aug. 20-Dec. 19. For more information, call the education center, 283-4332.

**Hurricane briefings**  
The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness office will hold its mass hurricane briefings 9-10 a.m. May 14, 27 and 28 in the Tyndall Officers' Club. For more information, call the readiness office, 283-2010.

**Commissary holiday hours**  
The Tyndall Commissary will be closed for Memorial Day on May 26 and will re-open 9 a.m. May 27.

**New ATM**  
A new automatic teller machine has been installed by Tyndall Federal Credit Union on the flightline side of the base. The ATM is located on Texas Avenue behind the Robin Hood Sandwich Shoppe.

**AFIT opportunities**  
The Enlisted-to-Air Force Institute of Technology program recognizes enlisted professional development in conjunction with other professional training and education programs. Resident AFIT science, engineering and management graduate degree opportunities can further develop members' technical education and skills. Classes will begin in October. For information and procedures supporting this year's Enlisted-to-AFIT opportunities, contact the education center or link to the official Web site at: [www.afit.edu](http://www.afit.edu).

**CLEP Exams to be retired**  
The following CLEP Exams will be retired effective June 30: 04910/04926-Humanities; 26107-General Chemistry; 75027-College Level German; 18074-General Biology; 65048-Western Civilization I; and 66052-Western Civilization II. The last date to take these exams is June 26. The education center schedules CLEP Exams on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Visit the education center to pick up a

listing of exams offered or access the Tyndall Air Force Base Web site to retrieve study guide information. To schedule an exam, call the education center, 283-4285 or 283-4286.

**Pharmacy formularies**  
Many military treatment facility pharmacies have recently upgraded their formularies – or listings of medications that they carry. As a result, even though the pharmacy may not have stocked a particular medication in the past, they may now be carrying it. In most cases, the MTF formularies are posted online on each MTF Web site. For the Tyndall Clinic pharmacy, go to [www.tyndall.af.mil](http://www.tyndall.af.mil), select the 325th Fighter Wing, then the 325th Medical Group, then pharmacy.

**Claims briefings**  
The Legal Office Household Goods Claims Briefings will now be held 10 a.m. every Wednesday in the claims office instead of on Thursdays.

## RETIREE NEWS

**VA Secretary Principi dispels rumors**  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi made a statement recently in an effort to dispel rumors that Congress planned to slash funding to the Department of Veterans Affairs. According to Secretary Principi, there is no truth to any suggestion or assertion that the VA budget will be cut or slashed next year. The secretary also pointed out that President Bush's fiscal 2004 budget requests a record \$63.6 billion for the nation's veterans, including a nearly 8-percent increase over the fiscal 2003 budget for discretionary funding, which mostly pays for VA's health-care system, and a 32-percent increase in overall funding since fiscal year 2001. In addition, the Budget Conference report agreed to by the House and Senate on April 11 raises the suggested levels of discretionary funding for veterans by an additional \$1.8 billion.

Despite rumors they may hear to the contrary, veterans and their families should rest secure in the knowledge that the interests of America's veterans and their families will continue to be protected by Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the president.

## YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 2861-A Sabre Drive and 2904-B Beacon Beach Road. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

The following Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday. Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

## CLASSIFIEDS

1999 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster, 4,800 miles, over \$2,000 in extras. Must sell, \$6,200. Call 230-4745.

Marathon man

Martin Littlefield, who recently competed in the Boston Marathon, stays in shape by doing some laps Monday at the Fitness Center running track. Littlefield, a management trainee at the Fitness Center, finished 271 out of more than 17,000 runners, completing the race in a time of 2 hours, 51 minutes, 54 seconds. He trained using a weekly pyramid set of exercises, peaking out at 80 miles per week. Littlefield plans on competing in the Air Force Marathon Sept. 20. For the complete story on him and the two other Tyndall personnel who ran the marathon, read next week's Gulf Defender.



Steve Riddle

DOD expands vaccination eligibility

MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Adult family members of some servicemembers have joined the list of those eligible to receive smallpox and anthrax vaccinations.

According to Department of Defense officials, the voluntary vaccinations are available to adult military family members, all DOD appropriated and nonappropriated fund employees and their adult family members. The policy also applies to all DOD contractor employees assigned to or living in designated higher-threat areas, including those associated with State Department missions.

Contractor employees must receive authorization from their employers before vaccination, and contractor-employee family members are not eligible, the officials said.

Existing policies remain in effect for mandatory vaccination of military members, emergency essential civil service employees and mission essential contractors assigned to higher-threat areas, said Lt. Col. Gwendolyn Hall, chief of the counter proliferation policy branch in the national security policy division at the Pentagon.

“The (voluntary) vaccines will be administered in accordance with current policy,” Hall said. “The only difference is volunteers will have to sign a vaccine acknowledgement form prior to receiving the vaccine.”

All who receive the vaccines undergo a thorough education and pre-screening program.

According to Maj. (Dr.) Mylene Huynh, service officials have updated the policy regarding vaccine exemptions. Huynh is deputy of the operational prevention division for the Air Force Medical Operations Agency at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.,

“It’s not known whether smallpox vaccination is a causal or a coincidental association with heart attack,” she said.

Still, Huynh said, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a precautionary recommendation, adopted by the DOD and Air Force, that people with certain risk factors not receive the vaccination.

Sports standings

Intramural volleyball

The following standings are current as of Tuesday.

American League

Team	W	L
COMM	7	0
AFCESA	6	1
1 AMU	5	3
OSS	4	3
MSS	4	3
ACS	4	3
SFS	3	4
MXS	3	5

CONR 2

CONS 1

National League

Team	W	L
WEG	7	5
MDG	0	5
CONR 1	5	2
2—AMU	3	4
COMM 2	2	4
Test	1	6
MSS 2	0	0
ACS 2	0	7

Intramural golf

The following standings are current as of Wednesday.

Team	Total points
CES	17.5
SEADS	16
ACS	15.5
MXS	15.5
AFCESA	15
COMM	14.5
MSS	13
OSS	12
MOS 1	11

CONR 1	10
TS	10
WEG	9.5
83 FWS	9
RHS	7
AMXS 1	6.5
CONR 3	6
SVS	5.5
1 FS	3
MDG	3
AMXS 2	2
MOS 2	0.5
CONR 2	0





# Funshine NEWS



May 2, 2003

325th Services Website: [www.325thservices.com](http://www.325thservices.com)

## Here's What's Happening at the Tyndall Officers' Club

### All Ranks Lunch

Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95 ■ Friday: \$7.95  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Unlimited access to the daily buffet, salad bar,  
fountain soda, tea & coffee!

Includes: Fresh Hot Carved Meat  
Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

<b>Mondays</b>	Chef's Choice
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Italian
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Oriental
<b>Thursdays</b>	All American
<b>Fridays</b>	Seafood

\*Members, show your club card to receive a \$1 discount!

### On Base Food Delivery

■ **Lunch Menu:** Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Limited to office deliveries (i.e. squadron address)*

■ **Evening Menu:** Fri. & Sat. 5:30-9 p.m.

### Subs & Pizzas

## 286-2900

### AF Club Scholarship

Six scholarships will be awarded to AF Club  
members or their eligible family members.

### First place is \$6,000

Applicants must be accepted by, or enrolled in,  
an accredited college or university graduate or  
undergraduate program by fall of 2003.  
Information packages with complete instruc-  
tions and requirements are available from the  
Tyndall Officers' Club business office.

Entry deadline is July 15.

## 283-4357

for more information.

Sponsored in part by:

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## All Ranks Mothers Day Buffet

@ the Officers' Club Dining Room

**Reservations  
Recommended**

May 11  
10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Buffet will feature:

Carving Stations w/ Steamship  
Round & Baked Ham, Seasonal  
Vegetables, Turkey, Omelet &  
Waffle Stations, Home Fries, Bacon,  
Cream Beef w/ Biscuits, Assorted  
Fruits, Juices and Dessert Station.

For details call:

## 283-4357



### Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

### Wild Adventures

### Theme Park Tour

May 17-18, Cost is \$110 per person  
double occupancy. Depart at 6:30  
a.m. on the 17th. Return at 5 p.m. on  
the 18th.

### Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

### 2003 Pitch Hit & Run

Sign up today at the Youth Center.  
Youngsters age 7-14 enter for FREE.  
Show your skills in pitching, hitting and  
running. A copy of birth certificate is  
required for participation. Boys & Girls  
compete together on May 3, 10 a.m.  
Field #1. Rain Day May 4, 10 a.m.

### Cartoon Network Tennis

Hey kids, join the club and learn basics  
of Tennis and get Cartoon Network  
tennis gear. May 3, 10, 17, 31 and  
June 7, 14. Ages 5-7 at 8 a.m. and  
ages 8-11 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$60.

### Start Smart Golf

Is your 4-7 year old ready to play golf?  
Sign up for start smart golf and  
participate one-on-one with your child  
learning basic skills. Program runs May  
17, 31 and June 7-14 at 11 a.m. Cost  
is \$30. Call Andy for more information.

## Skateboard Park Grand Opening

May 21st 3 p.m.



■ Door Prizes ■ Contest ■  
■ Skate Demos ■ Food ■

Attention Skateboarders! It is here! Join us  
beginning at 3 p.m. at the Youth Center as  
we conduct the ribbon cutting of our new  
skateboard park. Prizes, games, & more!

Call 283-4366 for more  
information.

### Skills Development Center

☎ 283-4511

### Engraving

We can engrave a variety of items,  
including: pen and pencil sets, mugs,  
coins, medals, and more.

### Mat Cutter

Our new computerized cutter can cut  
hundreds of different shapes on mats.

### Large Format Printing

We can print large posters for your next  
squadron function or retirement gift.

### Fitness & Sports Center

☎ 283-2631

### 3 on 3 Basketball

Sat. May 3, Games begin at 11 a.m.

### 5K Run/Walk

May 8. Walk begins at 2:30 p.m., Run  
begins at 3 p.m.

### Bowling Center

☎ 283-2380

### End of Season Pro Shop Sale

Thru May 31 all stock balls, bags and  
shoes 15% off. (No other discounts  
apply.)

### Summer Play & Save

On sale now: 40 games for \$30, 20  
games for \$15. Not valid during  
Cosmic Bowling.



## Base Pool Will Open In May

Call for date and details.

- Open Swim, Wed - Sun. 1130-1800
- Lap Swim 6-7:30 a.m., 11-11:30 a.m., 5-6 p.m.
- Youth Swim Lessons June-July 8-10:30 a.m.

### Water Aerobic Classes

- Monday Mornings 9-10 a.m.  
Starting in May (TBD)
- Mon., Wed., Fri. mornings 9-10 a.m.  
(Starting in August)
- Evening classes 6:30 - 7:30 (1830-1930)  
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday starting in May

### Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

### Seafood Buffet

All-you-can-eat only \$6.50! Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Tyndall Dive Club

Meetings held the 4th Thurs. each month.

Fitness Center 283-2631

## MUSCLE BEACH

Power Lifting Competition 2003

Register by May 10

## May 17

Competition begins at 10 a.m.  
Weigh-ins begin at 8 p.m.

**Power Lifting Events  
Comprised of:**

- Bench Press
- Squat
- Dead Lift

Participants must be 16 years of age or older.  
This competition is open to all Active Duty, Reservist, DoD employees,  
Government Contractors, Retirees and family members.

## INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL



FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2003 • 10 A.M.-1 P.M.  
AT THE OFFICERS' CLUB

The ITT office will be closing at 2 p.m. on May 1  
and will be closed all day on May 2 to  
support this event. See you at the Club...

## Door Prizes! Over 50 Vendors! Freebies!

## For more information call: 283-2499



# Tigers close out season with banquet

The Tyndall Tigers men’s varsity basketball team recently put the finishing touch on their 2002-2003 Southeastern Military Athletic Conference championship season with their annual end-of-season awards banquet. The following awards were presented:

- Leading Rebounder: Scott Moore (325 OSS), 9.5 rebounds per game
- Field Goal Pct. Leader: Tarrance Garner (325 CS), .531
- 3-Point Field Goal Pct. Leader: Tarrance Garner, .447 (34-76)
- Free Throw Pct. Leader: Tarrance Garner, .885 (77-87)
- Dunk Master: Ronald Butler (325 AMXS)
- Leading Scorer: Israel Figueroa (82 ATRS), 13.6 points per game
- Assists Leader: Marcus Baucom (325 CS), 6.0 assists per game
- Steals Leader: Marcus Baucom, 1.9

- steals per game
  - Block Shots Leader: Scott Moore, 1.5 blocks per game
  - Captains Award: Lance Clark (95 FS), Israel Figueroa and Marcus Baucom
  - Newcomer of the Year: Omar Johnson (325 SFS)
  - Offensive Player of the Year: Tarrance Garner
  - Defensive Player of the Year: Marcus Baucom
  - Tyndall Tigers Most Valuable Player: Marcus Baucom
- The Tigers finished with a 28-7 overall record (.800) and a 18-6 (.750) conference mark. The Tigers team and individual awards include the following: 1st Place- 2002 SEMAC Thanksgiving Tournament at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., Chris Jackson was named Most Valuable Player; 1st Place SEMAC M.L. King Jr. tourney at Eglin AFB, Fla. – Most Valuable Player:

Israel Figueroa, All-Tournament: Tarrance Garner and Omar Johnson; 2nd Place SEMAC Regular Season; 1st Place King Aerospace/SEMAC Post Season Tourney, held at Tyndall, Most Valuable Player: Omar Johnson, Most Outstanding Player: Israel Figueroa, Most Outstanding Coach: Rica Page, All Tournament: Omar Johnson, Israel Figueroa and Marcus Baucom.

Looking ahead to the 2003-2004 season, the SEMAC conference will be as tough as ever with Maxwell, Robins and MacDill returning as members. Everyone will be gunning for the Tigers who will be defending all of the tourney titles. Anyone who feels that he possesses the skills to play at the varsity level is encouraged to compete for a roster spot—tryouts are tentatively scheduled to begin Aug. 18.


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